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## **Licensed Installer Program Coming To Missouri Manufactured Housing Industry**

JEFFERSON CITY--Effective July 1, 2005, any individual who installs or performs the setup of a new manufactured home will be required to be a licensed installer with the Missouri Public Service Commission. Under the program, new manufactured homes may not be installed/setup by anyone who does not have the required license after June 30.

Manufactured home dealers and manufacturers who use independent contractors to install/setup their homes must use a licensed installer beginning July 1 unless the dealer or manufacturer has its own installer who is licensed with the PSC. Homes installed in manufactured (mobile) home parks are not exempt from this requirement. Homes must be installed pursuant to the applicable laws, rules and the manufacturer's installation instructions.

The new installer license program is part of the federal Manufactured Housing Improvement Act passed in 2000. This Act is designed to improve the durability, insurability and financing of manufactured homes.

Also starting on July 1, the PSC's Manufactured Housing and Modular Unit Program will be inspecting a percentage of all new manufactured home installations. Currently, the PSC only inspects the installation/setup of new manufactured homes when a consumer requests it or a complaint is received from the homeowner after the home has been installed/setup.

For more information on the license installer program, please visit the Public Service Commission's website at <a href="https://www.psc.mo.gov">www.psc.mo.gov</a> or call 1-800-819-3180.